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THE THREAT ENVIRONMENT TO 2025

Canada

A COMMENT ON METHODOLOGY ...

- **June 13, 2012 \neq June 13, 2025**
- **Scenarios**
- **Signposts**
- **Foresight not prediction**

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE WORLD ... AND CANADA

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- **Global demographic trends – gray bulge vs. youth bulge countries**
- **Migration trends: Canada will remain a favoured destination**
- **The face of Canada – more diverse, but possibly more segregated as well**
- **Enclave dynamics; social and security implications**
- **Illegal migration: a growing problem?**

THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: IMPACT ON CANADA

- **Climate change and the economy**
- **Energy security: large-scale 'energy war' unlikely**
- **SOEs: impact on Canada**
- **Canadian energy resources and the economy**
- **The Arctic: conflict or cooperation?**

SOME KEY GLOBAL ACTORS

- **Globalization and the struggle between state systems**
- **Emergence of new BRIC-type states unlikely**
- **China – moderated growth and some future challenges**
- **Russia –**
- **India – growing regional influence**
- **Brazil – asserting its global influence**
- **The United States – still first, but with more competitors**
- **The impact of the unexpected**

KEY REGIONAL CONFLICTS AND FAILING STATES

Global conflict vectors: regimes will be easier to undermine

Social media tools: they help organize and fuel protest

Key regions:

- **Afghanistan / Pakistan**
- **Iran: what shape towards 2025?**
- **The Arabian Peninsula: contrasting between stability and chaos**
- **Israeli-Palestinian conflict**
- **Syria and Lebanon:**
- **North and Western Africa: continued instability**
- **DPRK:**
- **PRC-Taiwan dispute – will it ever be resolved?**
- **Central Asia:**
- **Latin America**

THE CYBER THREAT

- **Technology war: will we be able to keep up with the bad guys?**
- **Defensive measures will have to constantly evolve**
- ***Stuxnet* – just the beginning**
- **How will Canada adapt?**
- **Exploiting the weakest links**
- **The insider threat:**
- **Key threat actors: no longer an exclusive club**

WMD THREAT

State Programs:

- **Iran, North Korea, Pakistan**
- **Nuclear weapons mated with ICBMs**
- **New nuclear entrants in the wake of Iranian weaponization**

Technology Trends

CBRN Terrorism

ISLAMIST EXTREMISM

- **An increasingly diffuse but more complicated threat**
- **The 'single narrative' will continue to inspire, in both group form or through individual action**
- **Developed and manifested in response to world events**
- **Taking advantage of under-governed spaces and weak states**
- **Small group Canadians will continue to be inspired by the narrative and seek to engage in extremist activities both at home and abroad**
- **The 'insider threat'**

FIGHTING THE 'SYSTEM': DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

Long-term domestic malaise leading to intensification of extremist movements?

Trigger points:

- **Grievances against capitalism**
- **Polarized debate on immigration**
- **Migration of ideas, tools and tactics**
- **Environmentalism and the sense of urgency (energy companies as the enemy)**

ESPIONAGE THREAT TO CANADA

- **Espionage: it's mostly about the economy**
- **Foreign interference: Canada and homeland-associated conflicts**
- **The 'insider threat': real and growing**
- **Private firms ... duplicitous agendas?**

SOME OF OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGES AHEAD

- **Dealing with the appeal of the extremist narrative (SIE, left, right)**
- **Adapting to the challenges posed by evolving cyber tools**
- **Protecting our economic and strategic assets**
- **Responding in a timely manner to clients' demands for intelligence**

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